

ROANNE L. MANN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

DATE: September 23, 2010  
START: 3:00 PM  
END: 4:15 pm

DOCKET NO: 07-CV-2994 (SJ)

CASE: Bell, et al. v. The City of New York, et al.

☐ INITIAL CONFERENCE  
☐ DISCOVERY CONFERENCE  
☒ SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

☐ OTHER/ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
☐ FINAL/PRETRIAL CONFERENCE  
☒ TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

FOR PLAINTIFF:

FOR DEFENDANT:

*See attached*

DISCOVERY TO BE COMPLETED BY \_\_\_\_\_

NEXT \_\_\_\_\_ CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR \_\_\_\_\_

JOINT PRE-TRIAL ORDER TO BE FILED VIA ECF BY \_\_\_\_\_

PL. TO SERVE DEF. BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DEF. TO SERVE PL. BY: \_\_\_\_\_

RULINGS: PLEASE TYPE THE FOLLOWING ON DOCKET SHEET

*The Court conducts a follow-up settlement conference to address the timing of payment to the Bell plaintiffs, as well as the reasonableness of the attorneys' fees requested in connection with counsels' representation of the Bell plaintiffs. In response to concerns expressed by the Court, including counsels' failure to maintain contemporaneous time records, counsel agree to reduce their fees to \$750,000. Ms. Bell agrees to this amount, which is approved by the Court.*

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Plaintiffs' counsel will revise the proposed order, allocating the additional sums resulting from the fee reduction to the two custodial accounts for the benefit of the infant Bell plaintiffs.

The City shall expedite payment, so that the annuities described in the petition can be purchased by October 30, 2010.

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**APPEARANCES**

**PLAINTIFF:**

Michael Hardy  
Sanford Rubenstein  
Scott Rynecki  
Nicole Paultre-Bell/with Mother  
Brian Schachter (FY Settlement Services)

**DEFENDANT:**

**CITY:**

Caryn Rosencrantz